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## Evaluation Team Gives High Grades to Avila

The Avila community rejoiced over the excellent report of the evaluation team for the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. Following their accreditation visit in February, the team unanimously recommended Avila's continued accreditation.

The quality of Avila's educational programs was assessed during the three-day campus visit with faculty, staff and students. Members of the team included a college president, two academic deans and college faculty from institutions similar to Avila.

Before the visit, each team member reviewed the educational self-study and data report prepared by Sister Marie Georgette Eschbacher, Avila's director of institutional research. The report was the result of a two-year study of faculty, staff and students. It reviewed the mission and purpose of the college and identified strengths and concerns.

In recommending continued accreditation, the report of the evaluation team noted these strengths:

- A dedicated, hard-working faculty that "participates generously in the academic governance of the college."
- Effective presidential leadership which "combines interpersonal skills, managerial expertise, commitment to fiscal responsibility, religious sensitivity, ability to inspire loyalty, and a capacity to weave a unity out of the many diverse strands of personalities, styles, commitments, and visions which populate the campus."
- A faculty that offers "excellent and accessible programs, commitment to flexible course scheduling, and willingness to give extensively of their time and energy."
- A well-qualified executive team, "able to create and adapt to change...who organize their areas of responsibility predicated upon the needs of the college and with consideration for student welfare and fiscal limitation."
- A physical plant which is "well designed, constructed, and maintained and provides an excellent environment for learning."
- A "vigorous and enthusiastic student affairs team which is determined to succeed."
- Students who "recognize and articulate the strengths of the college, are involved in their learning, and contribute to building an effective learning environment."
- A physical location in a "rapidly developing business park and executive residential area of metropolitan Kansas City where educational services are and will be needed in coming years."
- "Strategic planning, begun with realistic enthusiasm, and anticipated with eagerness by participants throughout the campus organization from top to bottom."

Concerns cited by the visiting team were an enrollment decline since 1981 and the fiscal consequences of that drop. The team observed extensive reorganization in the admissions area of the college and noted the expansion of the college advancement office. In their opinion, these should bring enrollment growth to Avila and enhance fund-raising.

## 220 Graduates at 1988 Commencement

Two hundred and twenty graduates received degrees during Avila's 46th Annual Commencement on May 14 in Mabee Fieldhouse. U.S. Rep. Alan Wheat, congressman for Missouri's 5th district, urged the graduates to fulfill their responsibilities as citizens of a democratic society.



About 100 guests from the President's Scholarship Club and Scholarship Sponsors gathered for a "Western Round-Up" on Friday, April 8, in Marian Centre. Along with an unidentified "friend" were (from left) Barbara Kitchin, Ken Bergeron, Twila Hegarty and Claudia Bergeron. Members two-stepped to the music of the Rocky Mountain Oysters Bluegrass Band and dined, chuck-wagon style, on American Royal barbecued beef. The advancement office held the event to thank the two groups for helping with Avila's scholarship program.

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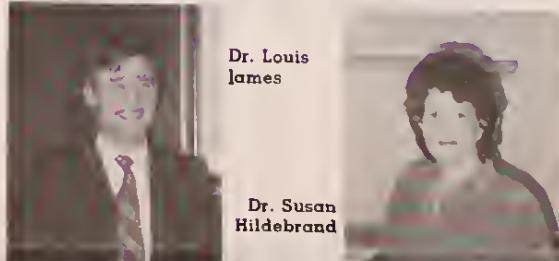
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### Advancement Update

- The Women's Leadership Institute of Avila College will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a community dinner at the college on Thursday, Oct. 27. At the dinner, Dr. Johnetta Cole, president of Spelman College in Atlanta, will be presented the Woman of the Decade Award. Also, 10 outstanding institute graduates will be honored for community leadership. WDAF, Channel 4, will be media sponsor for the celebration. Cynthia Smith, Channel 4 news anchor, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.
- The second phonathon for the Goppert Challenge resulted in a 100 percent increase in Avila's alumni donor base. Thanks to our volunteers and donors for a job well done!
- The 13th Annual American Royal Steer Dinner has been scheduled for Friday, Jan. 20. Planning is under way to make the 13th dinner the luckiest one ever.
- Scholarship Sponsors' fall luncheon will be held on Friday, Oct. 14.

### New Department Chairs In Business and Nursing



Two new academic department chairs recently were appointed. Dr. Louis James will chair the Department of Business and Economics and Dr. Susan Hildebrand will chair the Department of Nursing.

Dr. James received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Kansas in 1970 and was professor of economics and finance at the University of New Orleans. He has been a member of the Kansas City Board of Trade since 1986 and an Avila business instructor during the last year. Judy Gibbs, who had been acting chair, will continue to direct Avila's legal assistant program.

Dr. Hildebrand received her Ed.D. degree from the University of Kansas. She served as chairperson of the nursing department at St. Mary's College in Leavenworth, Kansas. Dr. Hildebrand succeeded Sister Barbara Moore, who had served Avila with distinction since 1966.

## Young Women Learn to be Leaders

Thirty-five outstanding young women from 28 area high schools recently participated in a weekend of intensive leadership training on Avila's campus. Nominated by their high school counselors, they attended the Young Women's Leadership Program to learn skills they could apply this coming year as high school seniors.

The students learned about networking, mentoring, goal-setting and assertiveness from a faculty of women leaders and peer role models. A popular feature of the program was a panel of student leaders from area colleges who answered questions and gave pointers for success in college.

**President's Column:**

Accrediting Group Finds  
Numerous Avila Strengths

Dr. Larry Kramer



**A**t Avila College, a highlight of the 1987-88 academic year was the visit by the North Central evaluating team. This is an important visit because the team examines the college and then recommends whether the college should be accredited. We look forward to the evaluation of educational professionals from other colleges.

Before the team visited, we at Avila spent a year preparing an Institutional Self-Study and Basic Institutional Data Report. These documents provided basic information about our college and explained our mission, purposes, resources, strengths and concerns.

In recent years the enrollment at Avila College had declined. Projected enrollment is on the rise again, but we worried that the declines in the past might somehow prevent the evaluating team from seeing our real strengths — the people at Avila and the classes they teach and the services they provide. What has always made Avila great are the students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, friends and, especially, the Sisters of St. Joseph, all pulling together.

Of course, the reasons for Avila's strength were well-known to us. But we wanted to make sure the evaluating team, all strangers to the Avila community, also knew them.

As it turned out, we need not have been concerned. In its report, the evaluating team pointed to many of the assets of our college. The team praised our dedicated and accommodating faculty, our vigorous and enthusiastic student affairs team, our well-qualified administrators and a student body intensely involved in the learning process.

In addition, the team praised the Avila physical plant (our beautiful campus) and our strategic planning process, which provides everyone with a chance to contribute to Avila's success.

The visit of the evaluating team reassured us that Avila College can look forward to an exciting future as we build on our great foundation.

## Avila Travelers Get Class Credit

Avila College gives students, faculty, staff, alumni and their families the opportunity to travel abroad through the Enrichment Travel program. The program emphasizes learning through travel and it provides intellectual stimulation through interaction with fellow travelers. Participants also can obtain academic credit through the appropriate department.

The tentative schedule for Enrichment Travel:

- Spring 1989 Mexico City and Cancun
- Fall 1989 Theatre/Museum trip to New York
- Spring 1990 Caribbean/Dominican Republic
- Early summer 1990 Great Britain
- Fall 1990 Santa Fe
- Spring 1991 Washington D.C.
- Early summer 1991 Southern Europe

For more information, write the academic dean's office or call 942-8400, ext. 208.

## In the Summer, Call it Camp Avila

**W**here can you go to summer camp to build rockets, produce a video, examine lasers, learn ballet or practice soccer? Camp Avila, that's where.

More than 400 campers, ages 5 through 18, came to Avila this summer. They attended camps in subjects such as physics, aviation and aerospace, computers, ballet and modern dance, video production, soccer and college success strategies. There was even a special camp for gifted and talented kids, the only overnight camp for gifted kids in the city.

Dr. David Wissman, director of alternative programs.

ming, administers the camps. His job is to produce quality, educational camps that are fun for campers. One measure of his success is that the seven academic camps last summer have grown to 14 this year. Add in the three soccer camps and you have a campus bustling with activity.

The camps are a benefit to the campers and also to Avila. Says Scott Royal-Ferris, director of Athletics and men's soccer coach: "Camps provide financial support for the college, increase our visibility and involve the community in our programs. These kids and their parents become Avila fans and hopefully, one day, our students."

### Sharon Exposito:

## Homecoming Brings Memories, Thoughts of Wonderful People

**A**s I write this column, my thoughts are far ahead, anticipating Avila's Homecoming '88. Homecoming, to me, is "coming home" — back to my roots of higher education. As I think ahead, my senses are alive with vivid colors of the spectacular Kansas City fall and I am surrounded by the crisp autumn air. October is not far away. Won't you "come home" and savor the experience of reunion, revelation and renewal?

Much planning has gone into this year's Homecoming. There will be events for individuals, couples and families. Faculty, staff and students are preparing to greet you and share the exciting news of the campus.

Looking back on my college days, I remember the wonderful people who came before me and those with whom I shared my years at Avila. I am reminded of the special qualities that are the hallmark of the Avila graduate.

Last year, for the first time, the college recognized one of these outstanding alumnae — Nancy Barr, Class of 1975. This year, alums are again invited to help select another outstanding alumna/us for 1988. Do you know such a person? If so, nominate him or her for this wonderful honor.

See you at Homecoming — September 30 to October 2!



Jim Millard

## Reflections

Jim Millard has been director of admissions since 1987.

I have worked with young people for the past 16 years, helping them explore the many possibilities for a college education. The task has become more and more complicated. There are over 1,700 4-year colleges and over 1,300 two-year schools to consider.

This year, however, has been fun and rewarding. One of the students I worked with was my daughter, Jamie, a 1987 graduate of O'Hara High School, elected to go to work after her senior year. That was a difficult decision for her but it was even harder on dad.

I had never imagined that any of my children would not attend college. After all, college was my business. I also hadn't imagined how my knowledge of Avila College would affect her and her decision to attend college next fall.

Being new to the Avila family, I had to learn as much as I could as quickly as I could. I read everything I could get my hands on, met with faculty members and

joined in campus events. It gave me a lot to think about and to share around the family dinner table. Avila became the favorite topic of conversation.

Once Jamie indicated some renewed interest in college, dad made sure she received the same attention all prospective Avila students receive. Jamie became the personal concern of one of the four professional admissions counselors. She received regular personalized letters and phone calls to keep her informed and to encourage her to fully explore the college.

As my daughter and I worked toward her college decision, I realized how much Avila had to offer and that many people might never know about it.

In 1989, there will be over 80,000 high school graduates in the states of Missouri and Kansas alone. How do we reach all the young people who would benefit from an Avila education?

Part of the answer is in admissions activities. Last year, Avila admissions counselors made over 400 visits to 224 high schools. We talked with and wrote to over 3,500 high school seniors and 4,500 high school juniors. Almost 400 prospective students and families visited the campus. Faculty members have written to and contacted hundreds of students.

But there is more that can be done and you, as a friend of Avila, can help. Do what I did with my daughter. Talk about Avila College to your relatives and friends. Have them visit the campus. Come along, if you like. They'll know they are somewhere special when they meet more Avila people like you.

We need to spread the word! We need to talk with more students, to have them visit the campus and get to know us. Just like my daughter, they may only need to know more about Avila. Who better to tell them than you?

## HOECOMING 1988 September 30 - October 2

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

#### ART EXHIBIT

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Thornhill Gallery  
Recent Works of Eileen Murphy, '48  
Wine and Cheese

#### THEATRE PRESENTATION

8:00 p.m. Goppert Theatre  
"The Foreigner"  
Contemporary Comedy by Larry Sbue

#### HOECOMING DANCE

8:00 p.m. - midnight  
Leawood Country Club  
8901 Sagamore  
Hosted by S.U.B.  
For Alumni and Students!

PHONE RESERVATIONS  
942-8400, Ext. 277  
BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

#### BUFFET LUNCH FOR NURSING ALUMNI

11:30 a.m. Goppert Lounge  
Panel Presentation

#### VOLLEYBALL

11:30 a.m. Mabee Fieldhouse  
Avila vs St. Mary's, Leavenworth  
Pre-Game Alumni Recognition

#### SOCER

2:00 p.m. Avila Field  
Avila vs John Brown University  
Halftime Alumni Recognition

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Avila College  
11901 Wornall Road  
Kansas City, MO 64145

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

#### HOECOMING MASS

10:00 a.m. Goppert Theatre  
Music provided by  
Performing Arts Alumni

#### BRUNCH

11:00 a.m. Marian Centre  
Recognizing  
"Outstanding Alumna/us of 1988"  
Honoring Classes of  
'23, '28, '38, '48, '58, '63, '68, '78, '83

BRUNCH	\$10.00
COCKTAIL RECEPTION	\$ 5.00
NURSING BUFFET LUNCH	\$ 5.00
All Other Events Complimentary	

**WEDDINGS****CLASS '74**

**Shelley Lampkin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shep Lampkin, to Arthur J. Barrett on April 23 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Olathe, Kansas.

**CLASS '75**

**Renee Marie Majerle**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Majerle, to Timothy Patrick Higgins on May 15 at St. Ann's Church, Prairie Village, Kansas.

**CLASS '76**

**Roberta Anne Hessel**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement J. Hessel, to Robert Joseph Knopke on June 8 at Christ the King Church, Kansas City.

**CLASS '77**

**Gabrielle Marie Bowen**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Bowen, to Phil Edwards in Kansas City, Kansas. **Janis Noelle Brenizer**, daughter of Mr. Ralph A. Brenizer and the late Mrs. Charlotte N. Brenizer, to Joel Vern Walk on July 9 at the Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas.

**CLASS '78**

**Carrie L. Roberts**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roberts, to Steve Johannsen on May 9 at Community Christian Church, Kansas City.

**CLASS '81**

**Barbara Jayne Iseman**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Iseman, Jr., to William Jay Cole on June 4 at St. Regis Church, Kansas City.

**CLASS '82**

**Mary Alice Cook**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton S. Cook, to William Bell Langsdorf, Jr., on May 14 at St. John's Episcopal Church, Stamford, Connecticut. **Amy Lynn Kasse**, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Kassen and the late Mr. Bernard Kassen, to Phillip Carl Royston on November 17 at United Methodist Church, North Kansas City. **Susaa Lorine McStay**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daniel McStay, to John William Buffkin, III, on October 26 at Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa, Kansas. **Connie Gale Spargur**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Spargur, to John Joseph Linville on July 25 at St. Elizabeth's Church, Kansas City.

**CLASS '83**

**Brenda Enright**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Don Enright, to **Dean B. Kelly, Jr.** '78, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean B. Kelly, Sr., on December 21 at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Kansas City. **Kelly Nelson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Nelson, to **Gregory Gales Poston** on August 30 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Overland Park, Kansas.

**CLASS '84**

**Debra Dean Divers**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Divers, to Howard Lynn Rose on October 10 in Independence, Missouri. **Catherine Furrow**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Furrow, to Scott Bailey on June 11 in Parkville, Missouri.

**CLASS '85**

**Ramona Lynn Mendoza**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mendoza, to Raymond Cisneros on November 2 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. **Molly Ann Medley**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Medley, to Stephen Paul Fisher on June 15 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, Kansas City. **Lori Ana Slyter**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Slyter, to **Scott Gerard Huber** '84, son of Mrs. William Huber and the late Mr. William Huber, on May 2 at Colonial Presbyterian Church, Kansas City. **Dianna Kay Stuhrenberg**, daughter of Vincent and **Mary Ellea Wilson Stuhrenberg** '58, to Lance James Page on June 28 at St. Matthew's Church, Clare, Iowa. **Jeanne Michelle Thro**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Maurice Thro, Jr., to **Joseph Richard Schrick** '83, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis John Schrick, on October 24 at St. Peter Church, St. Charles, Missouri. **Teresa Marie Weidmaier**, daughter of Mrs. Judy Hoffman, to Brian Faust on September 7 at Raytown Christian Church, Raytown, Missouri. **Helea Renae Wisecarver**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wisecarver, to **Thomas Lee Zahner** '83, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Zahner, on July 12 at St. Charles Church, Kansas City. **Karea Rae Wilson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond N. Wilson, to Stephen Edward Hancock on July 25 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Raytown, Missouri. **Kelly Ann Yates**, daughter of Thomas C. Yates, to **Bill L. Said** '87, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hooppaw, on August 16 at St. Cletus Church, St. Charles, Missouri.

**CLASS '86**

**Tammy Lynn Carney**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Carney, to Kendall R. Sheets on August 29 at Kansas City Baptist Temple, Kansas City. **Susaa Jaee Coler**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Coler, Sr., to Brian Muckenthaler on July 19 at Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa, Kansas. **Suzanne Kay Crate**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Crate, to Stephen Blaine Palmer on March 28 at Belton Christian Church, Belton, Missouri. **Kathleen Deaise Farriagtna**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Farrington, to Stephen Jack Sparks on April 25 at St. CLASS '87

**Lori Jean Blackburn**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackburn, to Rusty Alan Heck, on August 14 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Overland Park, Kansas. **Lisa Diane Dasbach**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dasbach, to Michael Douglas Shump on June 11. **Karea Marle Dugaa**, daughter of Robert and **Elizabeth Male Dugaa** '50, to Daniel William Harrison on May 27 at Cure of Ars Church, Leawood, Kansas. **April Yvonne Dye**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dye, to Eric D. Maxwell on February 28 at Immaculate Conception Church,

Lexington, Missouri. **Linda J. Feye**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Feye, to John Anthony Burke, Jr., at St. Sabina Church, Belton, Missouri. **Kathryn Denise Grego**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Grego, to Larry Dean Thomas in May at St. Augustine's Church, Kansas City. **Barbara Jolene Honer** to Harold Schultz in August in San Francisco. **Kristin Louise McKinney**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. McKinney, to Anthony Eutimio Sanchez on June 4 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Des Moines, Iowa. **Debra L. Otto**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Otto, to **Barnet Walker**, son of Irene Walker, on April 23 in Kansas City. **Karen Sue Saar**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Saar, to Darren Mitchel Garrison on April 30 at Hickman Mills Community Christian Church, Kansas City. **Sheryl Saatee**, daughter of Mr. Sam Santee, to Paul Douglas Gabbert on February 8 at St. Catherine's Church, Kansas City. **Kathy Zahony**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Zahony, to Craig Allen Cox on May 30 at the bride's home, Stilwell, Kansas.

**CLASS '88**

**Kathleen Suzanne Bonnen**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Bonnen, to Jon Charles Belke on April 30 at St. John LaLande Church, Blue Springs, Missouri. **Christiae Marie Elfertz**, daughter of Thomas and Sheila Ryan Elfertz '60, to Christopher Michael Looney on April 9 at St. Thomas More Church, Kansas City. **Vita Anne Girardi**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete A. Girardi, to Theodore Joseph Oshorn on August 15 at St. John LaLande Church, Blue Springs, Missouri. **Shawn Denise Gough**, daughter of Mrs. Carol Gough and Mr. Dan Gough, to **N. Craig Kasten**, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Kasten, on September 14 at Grant Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri. **Abby Gail Hilyard**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hilyard, to David Richard Posner on October 9 at a friend's home in Leawood, Kansas. **Roxzanna H. Lull**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lull, Jr., to Donald C. Moore on July 30 at Peculiar United Methodist Church, Cass County, Missouri. **Karen Kay Martin**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Martin, to Ensign Bernard Mark Gately, Jr., on October 10 at North Cross United Methodist Church, Kansas City North. **Lisa G. Mitchell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Mitchell, to Martin E. Wisniewski on June 4 at Holmeswood Baptist Church, Kansas City. **Nancy Joan Mroz**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus J. Mroz, to **Gregory Allea McKean**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. McKean, on April 30 at Holy Cross Church, Overland Park, Kansas. **Penny Beth Newman**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Newman and Nancy E. Newman, to Brian Wade Herrling on May 28 at Atonement Lutheran Church, Overland Park, Kansas. **Marie Elainea Smith**, daughter of Mrs. Linda Schibi and Mr. Edwin L. Smith, to Patrick James Atkinson on March 26 at Kansas City (Missouri) Fellowship, North Side. **Angela Marie White**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nazio J. White, to David Alan Burdick on April 25 at Peace Lutheran Church, Raytown, Missouri.

**CLASS '89**

**Bridget Marie Cohill**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Cahill, to John Richard Stoppelman on July 23 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Kansas City. **Dana Lynn Hull**, daughter of Mrs. Carolyn Hull, to Robert Joseph Hoog '87, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoog, on February 13 at St. Augustine Church, Kansas City. **Shelly Lynn Ratliff**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ratliff, to **Gary Matson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Matson, on April 29 in the Rose Garden at Loose Park, Kansas City. **Lindsay Susan Sailors**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob F. Sailors, to Christopher M. Todd on June 4 at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas.

**GRADUATE STUDENT**

**Judy Carolyn Gatzemeyer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Gatzemeyer, to Earl F. Downey on October 3 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Kansas City.

**BIRTHS****CLASS '69**

**Sam and Gerry Schloegel Featherston**, twin daughters, Michele and Sara, on July 12 in Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

**CLASS '70**

**Lewis and Joan D'Agostino Heacker**, a son, Lewis Anthony, grandson of Anthony and **Mayme DiMaggio D'Agostino** '42, on July 17 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '71**

**Robert and Diane Peterschmidt Darby**, a daughter, Megan, on January 30 in Overland Park, Kansas. **Gary and Mariaane Fadden Hudlemeyer**, a daughter, Cassie Marie, on July 11 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '73**

**John and Margaret Reutter Hopkins**, a daughter, Bridget Kathleen, on January 29 in St. Louis.

**CLASS '74**

**Ron and Joyce Samborski Nyght**, a daughter, Rebecca Joyce, granddaughter of Stanley and Evelyn Samborski '80, on March 19 in Kansas City. **James and Jeann Lacey Pnllnck**, a son, James, III, on December 14 in Brockton, Massachusetts. **Doc and Linda Brown Tabberer**, a son, Brian Arthur, in August in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. **George and Kenna Thnmas**, a daughter, Rachel Louise, on August 3 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '75**

**Harold and Chereese Larisna Arens**, a son, Joshua, on July 28 in Kansas City. **Ron and Ann Jhnnsna Coleman**, a son, Jahmal, on February 1 in Kansas City. **John and Teresa Stadler Teefey**, a son, Brian Grant, on June 29 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '76**

**Bob and Rhonda Hessel Knopke**, a daughter, Patricia Susan, on July 30 '85 and a son, Stephen Clement, on June 22 '87 in Kansas City. **Frank and Connie Morris**, a son, Ryan William, on December 11 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '77**

**David and Julie Regan Busch**, a daughter, Audrey Anne, on January 27 in Fair Oaks, California. **Jerry and Elizabeth Blum Davidow**, a son, Jonas Alexander, on February 2 in Merriam, Kansas. **Michael and Jana Bird Nye**, a son, Brent David, on March 30 in Kansas City. **William and Mary Teresa Bnwer Drsey**, a son, William Michael, on April 23 in Kansas City. **James and Laura Lynn Tettambel Knapp**, a son, Daniel Christopher, on December 18 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '78**

**Jim and Paula Russ Burger**, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, granddaughter of Joseph and Zetta Cozzell Russ '37, on January 13 in Kansas City. **Ron and Joyce Hille Huska**, a daughter, Jessica Ann, on September 7 in Kansas City. **Philip and Karen Schweiger Komoroski**, a son, Mark Robert, grandson of Robert and Barbara Reitz Schweiger '53, on April 18 in Kansas City. **Larry '77 and Carnl-Reed Sciotino Morris**, a daughter, Katherine Ann, on September 6 in Kansas City. **Theodore and Mary Patricia Schumacher Whitaker**, a daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen, granddaughter of C. Craig and Mary Oxler Whitaker '44, on March 9 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '79**

**Kevin and Margaret Lillig Amey**, a son, Jonathan Nicholas, on September 10 in Kansas City. **David and Donna Butterfield Bateman**, a son, David D., Jr., on December 30 in Kansas City. **Marc '80 and Angelee Newton Colley**, a son, Joshua Marion, on April 7 in Kansas City. **Alan and Lynne Boutte Mestdagh**, a daughter, Sarah Christine, on November 12 in St. Louis. **Brian and Lauri Meyers**, a son, Michael, on June 11 in Overland Park, Kansas. **Tim and Connie Schwartz Miller**, a daughter, Heather, on October 14 in Olathe, Kansas.

**CLASS '80**

**Gerald and Debbie Gasparovich**, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on December 16 in Kansas City. **Richard and Patricia Walters Moore**, a daughter, Kristin Ann, on February 26 in Kansas City. **Patrick and Ellen Van Buskirk**, a son, Kyle Patrick, grandson of Austin and Jacqueline Sedlock Van Buskirk '48, on October 18 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '81**

**James and Sharon Daly Adams**, a daughter, Monica Rose, granddaughter of Roy and Mary Ella Dunn Daly '39, on July 1 in Redondo Beach, California. **Alan and Mary Denise Black Coleman**, a son, Sean Allan, on April 25 in Raleigh, North Carolina. **Al and Nancy Spitcousky Felman**, a daughter, Megan, on February 1 in Kansas City. **Ryan and Wendy Wheelock Meers**, a daughter, Tristin, on August 9 in Overland Park, Kansas. **Kurt and Rose Marie Hogan Stough**, a daughter, Kimberly Marie, on September 6 in Chico, California.

**CLASS '82**

**Harold and Kathryn Andrasik Bradley**, a son, on February 28. **Jeff and Mary Beth Hodes**, a son, John Francis, on January 31 in Kansas City. **Moses and Vernonica Pacbein Irubor**, a son, McAdams, on January 18 in Kansas City. **Tim and Lisa Werth Jones**, a son, Alexander David, grandson of Glenda and Carole Ainsworth Werth '61 and great-grandson of Robert and Lenna Dreiling Werth '72, on September 9 in Kansas City. **Randy and Jacee Halpia Lutoa**, a son, Matthew Christopher, on August 27 in Lenexa, Kansas. **Wayne '83 and Tammy LaHue Myers**, a son, Scott Ramsey, on April 16 in Overland Park, Kansas. **Phillip and Amy Kassen Rynsta**, a son, Phillip Benjamin, on October 18 in Leawood, Kansas.

**CLASS '83**

**Dean '78 and Brenda Enright Kelly**, a daughter, Melissa Marie, on January 15 in Kansas City. **Doug and Elizabeth Lopez Lewey**, a son, David Andrew, on October 31 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '84**

**James and Carnl Hiegel Huher**, a daughter, Katie, on January 11 in St. Louis.

**CLASS '85**

**Dan and Lori Judd**, twin children, Jill Marie and Jeffrey Thomas, on May 6 in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

**CLASS '86**

**David and Karea Kelly Langworthy**, a son, James Robert, grandson of Randall and Betty O'Neill Kelly '45, on February 22 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '87**

**Neil '85 and Shelley Willems Kelly**, a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, granddaughter of Kathleen Bell '73, on June 2 in Kansas City, Kansas. **Baret and Debra Ottm Walker**, a daughter, Hilary Irene, on July 27 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '88**

**Theodore and Vita Girardi Osborn**, a son, Mario Joseph, on April 30 in Kansas City.

**CLASS '89**

**David and Anne Ringers Owen**, a son, Mark Joseph, on November 1 in Kansas City.

**AVILA ALUMNA/US OF THE YEAR**  
Nomination Forms Available  
In Alumni Office

## From Horses to Homelessness Avila Grad Focuses on Community Issues

For Tim Barchak, the road to Avila College was a bridle trail. Barchak, a 27-year-old graduating senior, managed a horse stable in Wichita before he came to Avila in 1985. Previously, he studied animal science at a community college and worked around horses for seven years.

Dissatisfied with his employment, he decided to return to school. A friend in Wichita recommended Avila. Going from horseman to history student wasn't hard. "As far back as I can remember, history, politics and literature were discussed at home," Barchak said. "I continued to read a lot of history and literature while working and studying animal science."

At Avila, Barchak said he found the academic environment he needed as well as a forum for his extra-curricular interests. He has been History Club president, co-chairperson of Avila College for Social Concerns and a participant in outreach activities through campus ministry. He also has written for the *Avila Examiner*.

His interests in politics, social justice and com-



Tim Barchak

munity issues found fertile ground at Avila. Shortly after his arrival, he saw a need for an organization to help students act on social concerns. "There was never a lack of heart on the part of students," he stated, "but rather a need for structure and leadership."

Barchak and others developed Avila College for Social Concerns to provide students "with a vehicle to change situations." In March, the group organized a picnic, "People for People: A Brighter Day for the Kansas City Homeless".

The project reflected Barchak's empathy for the poor, the homeless and the blue-collar working class. His father was a house painter. After he died in 1982, Barchak and his brothers juggled their schedules to continue the business, supporting their mother with the income.

Upon graduation, Barchak will have a BA degree in History and English. He plans to earn a masters degree in history and teach at the college level.

Barchak attributes his enthusiasm for teaching to two faculty members at Avila: Dr. Jane Adelsberger and Sister Martha Smith. "The way they conduct class led me to think about applying what they present in the classroom to your life outside the classroom. Both of them influenced my life."

## Avila Pop Quiz

- What do the All-Star Cheerleaders, Japan American Society, Bill Maas Youth Football Camps, Gifted Students, and Missouri School of Religion have in common?
  - Can you name the five Sisters of St. Joseph associated with Avila College who will celebrate their GOLDEN JUBILEE during the coming year?
  - What award did Dr. Steve Mosher, coordinator and associate professor of public administration and political science, and Dan Larson, chairperson of humanities department, recently receive?
  - In Avila's Spring Phonothon, how many new (first-time) alumni contributors were added to the donor rolls of the college?
  - What percentage of Avila's pre-med graduates were accepted into medical schools in 1988?
5. 100%  
4. 804!  
3. The Avila College Medal of Honor for outstanding service to the college.  
2. Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, Sister Mary Fitzpatrick, Sister Rita Flaherty, Sister Sena Marie Migeo and Sister Mona Marie Bergler, trustee.  
1. They're five of the thirty-four groups holding camps at Avila this summer!

## New Students Get Preview of College Life

**A**vila Adventure '88 gave about 350 new Avila students a preview of their college career. The orientation for new and transfer students and their families was held July 15 and 16.

During the weekend, students received academic advising, met with faculty and staff, registered for fall classes and participated in activities designed to make them feel at home at Avila. Parents of students took a tour of Kansas City

and heard a panel discussion featuring Avila's vice presidents for academic affairs and student affairs.

The orientation of new students will continue with a program the week classes begin in the fall, including a college-wide opening convocation. This is the second year that Avila's freshman liaison program has helped students adjust to college life.



Dr. Donald Wilson (right) offers a congratulatory handshake to Dr. Larry Kramer, Avila's president. Dr. Wilson, Pittsburg State president, presented the Alumni Meritorious Achievement Award to Dr. Larry Kramer during Pittsburg's commencement exercises in May. Dr. Kramer earned a bachelor of science and a master of science degree at Pittsburg State.

## Coaches Named for Basketball, Baseball

Bill Wiesbrook will be Avila's new assistant director of athletics and men's basketball coach. Wiesbrook has a masters degree in physical education from the University of Northern Iowa and comes to Avila from Rockford College in Illinois. He replaces Dennis Joyce, who coached for Avila since 1982.

The coach of Avila's new men's baseball team is David Kline, who was head baseball coach at Kansas City Kansas Community College. Kline's former team ranked seventh in the nation and he was named Coach of the Year in his region. Kline also is a chemist and holds a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

## Avila's 5th Annual Golf Classic Monday, September 19, 1988 Leawood South Country Club

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- Place Prizes to First FIVE Teams
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## Fall Campus Calendar

<b>August</b>	
27	Men's Soccer vs Avila Alumni, 1 p.m.
<b>September</b>	
6	Women's Volleyball vs Park/JCCC
7	Men's Soccer vs Missouri Valley, 4 p.m.
11	Men's Soccer vs Benedictine, 2 p.m.
16	Men's Soccer vs University of Tulsa, 4 p.m.
16-17	Women's Volleyball Tournament (Rockhurst, William Jewell, Pittsburg State, Kansas Wesleyan, Mo Valley, Benedictine, Harris Stowe)
18	Men's Soccer vs McKendree, 2 p.m.
19	5th Annual Golf Classic
20	Women's Volleyball vs Penn Valley/Mid-America
21	Men's Soccer vs Mo Southern, 4 p.m.
25-Oct. 1	Elderhostel
30	"The Foreigner", Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
<b>October</b>	
1	"The Foreigner", Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
1	HOMECOMING Men's Soccer vs John Brown U., 2 p.m. (Open House immediately following)
4	HOMECOMING Women's Volleyball vs St. Mary's Leavenworth, 11:30 a.m.
5	Women's Volleyball vs Pittsburg/Tarkio
7	Men's Soccer vs Mid-America Nazarene, 4 p.m.
7-8	Men's Soccer vs Sangamon State, 4 p.m.
13	"The Foreigner", Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
13	Women's Volleyball vs William Jewell/UMKC
17	Men's Soccer vs Goshen, 3:30 p.m.
22	Women's Volleyball vs Goshen, Indiana
22	Men's Soccer vs Oklahoma Christian, 2 p.m.
25	Women's Volleyball vs Mo Valley/St. Mary's Leavenworth
27	Men's Soccer vs William Jewell, 3 p.m.
29	Women's Leadership Institute-Ten Year Celebration-Marian Centre
29	Men's Soccer vs Culver Stockton, 2 p.m.
<b>November</b>	
11, 12	"Once Upon a Mattress", Goppert Theatre, 8 p.m.
18, 19	
<b>January</b>	
20	13th Annual American Royal Steer Dinner, Marian Centre

\* All Women's Volleyball games (except Homecoming) are at 6 p.m. in Mabee Fieldhouse.

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